

Introduced by Senator Bowen
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An act to amend Section 48205 of, and to add Section 46300.8 to, the Education Code, relating to pupils.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1193, as introduced, Bowen. Pupil attendance: precinct board membership.

Existing law authorizes a pupil to be excused from school for specified reasons, including for the purpose of serving as a member of a precinct board for an election. Existing law provides that excused absences for those specified reasons are, nevertheless, absences for the purpose of computing average daily attendance and do not generate state apportionment payments.

This bill would, for purposes of computing the average daily attendance generated by a pupil enrolled in a history or social science course required by a school district as a condition of receipt of a high school diploma, deem a pupil serving as a member of a precinct board for an election to be under the immediate supervision, as defined, of the certificated teacher of the history or social science course, and thus would exempt that absence from the computation of average daily attendance. The bill would also conform a related provision of existing law.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 46300.8 is added to the Education Code, to read:

46300.8. For purposes of computing the average daily attendance generated by a pupil enrolled in a history or social science course required by a school district as a condition of receipt of a high school diploma, a pupil serving as a member of a precinct board for an election pursuant to Section 12302 of the Elections Code, is under the immediate supervision, as defined in Section 46300, of the certificated teacher of the history or social science course.

SEC. 2. Section 48205 of the Education Code is amended to read:

48205. (a) Notwithstanding Section 48200, a pupil shall be excused from school when the absence is:

(1) Due to his or her illness.

(2) Due to quarantine under the direction of a county or city health officer.

(3) For the purpose of having medical, dental, optometrical, or chiropractic services rendered.

(4) For the purpose of attending the funeral services of a member of his or her immediate family, so long as the absence is not more than one day if the service is conducted in California and not more than three days if the service is conducted outside California.

(5) For the purpose of jury duty in the manner provided for by law.

(6) Due to the illness or medical appointment during school hours of a child of whom the pupil is the custodial parent.

(7) For justifiable personal reasons, including, but not limited to, an appearance in court, attendance at a funeral service, observance of a holiday or ceremony of his or her religion, attendance at religious retreats, or attendance at an employment conference, when the pupil's absence has been requested in writing by the parent or guardian and approved by the principal or a designated representative pursuant to uniform standards established by the governing board.

(8) For the purpose of serving as a member of a precinct board for an election pursuant to Section 12302 of the Elections Code.

1 (b) A pupil absent from school under this section shall be
2 allowed to complete all assignments and tests missed during the
3 absence that can be reasonably provided and, upon satisfactory
4 completion within a reasonable period of time, shall be given full
5 credit therefor. The teacher of any class from which a pupil is
6 absent shall determine the tests and assignments shall be reasonably
7 equivalent to, but not necessarily identical to, the tests and
8 assignments that the pupil missed during the absence.

9 (c) For purposes of this section, attendance at religious retreats
10 shall not exceed four hours per semester.

11 (d) Absences pursuant to this section are deemed to be absences
12 in computing average daily attendance and shall not generate state
13 apportionment payments, *except for absences that meet the*
14 *conditions in Section 46300.8.*

15 (e) “Immediate family,” as used in this section, has the same
16 meaning as that set forth in Section 45194, except that references
17 therein to “employee” shall be deemed to be references to “pupil.”